

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- Claim 1. An apparatus for recording image or other data in real time, comprising:  
 a capture device for capturing the image or other information;  
 a local verification device for indelibly marking the captured image or other information  
 with the date, time, location and information identifying the creator of the data;  
 5 a transmitter for transmitting the locally verified captured image or other information in  
 real time to a secure storage facility; and  
 said capture device receiving and verifying acknowledgment of the receipt of the  
 transmitted locally verified captured image or other information to the storage facility.
- Claim 2. The apparatus of Claim 1 where the said capture device is a digital camera.
- Claim 3. The apparatus of Claim 1 where the said capture device is a video camera.
- Claim 4. The apparatus of claim 1 where said local verification device comprises geographical  
 position and time-of-day determination (GPS) receiver.
- Claim 5. The apparatus of Claim 1, and further comprising a secure signature authority for  
 transmitting a representation of the locally verified captured image or other information to a Certification  
 Authority (CA) for certification thereof and return of a certificate of authority, which is merged with and  
 becomes a part of said locally verified captured image or other information .
- Claim 6. The apparatus of Claim 1, and further comprising an encryption device for encrypting the  
 locally verified captured image or other information prior to transmission thereof.